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going to get charged for it. But as far as why they can't do what you're saying, I guess I'll have to find a little more information for you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It...I'm beginning to wonder about, you know, this seems kind of the reverse of what we always hear in here, that we want local control. But then on this we don't want...we don't seem to want...want it to be local particularly. And then we hear from Senator Baker that they're excessive funds in the amounts of hundreds of thousands of dollars in this locally run system that we have, and nobody has come to the Legislature and say, give us the authority to decrease this fee. In fact, in this bill itself it says that there shall be a charge of 50 cents. Would you be amenable to an amendment that said there shall be a charge of not more than 50 cents, so at least they can drop it down, if they don't need the money?

SENATOR ENGEL: That would be fine with me. And then could I...could I answer one of your questions, too, as far as what you're talking about...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ENGEL: ...local control. As far as the, you know, this...this covers anybody traveling throughout Nebraska, you know, because, you know, you...your...your...if you just paid your fee here in Lincoln, Nebraska, and there wasn't a PSAP out in...in Broken Bow that would take care of you, if you're out there, it wouldn't make any difference what you had here in Lincoln.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I...I accept your point, Senator. But with respect to the number of times that people may be traveling out there, if you wanted to make some sort of estimate of that and charge them for that, that would make a lot of sense. But to charge them \$25 million for that service,...

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, we're talking...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...seems like a lot.